



Response to Office Action of September 09, 2003  
Attorney Docket No. PC10873B  
Ser. No. 09/842,469

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICATION OF: L. Buckbinder *et al.*

APPLICATION NO.: 09/842,469

Examiner: Moore, William W.

FILING DATE: April 26, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1652

TITLE: ADAMTS POLYPEPTIDES, NUCLEIC  
ACIDS ENCODING THEM, AND USES THEREOF

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 9, 2003 requiring action by Applicants following a final rejection, Applicants hereby file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Applicants herein submit a submission meeting the reply requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c) and authorize the U.S.P.T.O to charge the filing fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

Applicants request a two month extension of time which is required to make this response timely. A petition for extension of time of two month is intended to be enclosed with this paper.